

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 21: Waterfowl

General Waterfowl

Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Oct 17, 2014 - Jan 25, 2015	(1,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,22,23,24)	Desert Zone: those portions of Units 6 and 8 within Yavapai County and Units 10 and 12B through 46B	Ducks including mergansers, coots, and common moorhens (gallinules); Including white geese (snow, blue and Ross') and dark geese (Canada and white-fronted); Excluding scaup
Oct 3, 2014 - Jan 11, 2015	(2,3,4,7,21,22)	Mountain Zone: Units 1-5, 7, 9, 11M, 12A and those portions of Units 6 and 8 within Coconino County	Ducks including mergansers, coots, and common moorhens (gallinules); Including white geese (snow, blue and Ross') and dark geese (Canada and white-fronted); Excluding scaup
Oct 18, 2014 - Jan 11, 2015	(1,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,22,23,24)	Desert Zone: those portions of Units 6 and 8 within Yavapai County and Units 10 and 12B through 46B	Scaup
Nov 1, 2014 - Jan 25, 2015	(2,3,4,7,21,22)	Mountain Zone: Units 1-5, 7, 9, 11M, 12A and those portions of Units 6 and 8 within Coconino County	Scaup

LAWFUL TAKING DEVICE: Shotgun, crossbow, bow and arrow or falconry as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license plus a valid Arizona Waterfowl Stamp and Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp (i.e., federal Duck Stamp). Falconers must be licensed pursuant to R12-4-422 or exempted pursuant to R12-4-407.

SHOOTING HOURS: One-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

BAG LIMIT: The daily bag limit of ducks, including mergansers: Seven (7) per day not to include more than: two (2) redheads; two (2) pintails; two (2) canvasback; three (3) scaup; and seven (7) mallards, no more than two (2) of which may be female or Mexican-like ducks. Coots and common moorhens (gallinules): Twenty-five (25) per day, singly or in the aggregate. Geese: Ten (10) white geese (snow, including blue and Ross' geese) per day and four (4) dark geese (Canada and white-fronted) per day.

FALCONRY BAG LIMIT: See Falconry-Only section.

POSSESSION LIMIT: The possession limit of ducks including mergansers: Twenty-one (21) after opening day, only seven (7) of which may be taken any one day, but no more than:

- six (6) redheads
- six (6) female mallards or Mexican-like ducks
- six (6) pintails
- nine (9) scaup
- six (6) canvasbacks

Coots and common moorhens (gallinules): Seventy-five (75).

Geese: Thirty (30) white geese (snow, including blue and Ross' geese) and twelve (12) dark geese (Canada and white-fronted).

FALCONRY POSSESSION LIMIT: See Falconry-Only section.

Juniors-Only Waterfowl

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Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jan 31 - Feb 1, 2015	(1,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,22,23,24)	Desert Zone: those portions of Units 6 and 8 within Yavapai County and Units 10 and 12B through 46B	Ducks including mergansers, coots, and common moorhens (gallinules); Including white geese (snow, blue and Ross') and dark geese (Canada and white-fronted)
Sep 27 - Sep 28, 2014	(2,3,4,7,21,22)	Mountain Zone: Units 1-5, 7, 9, 11M, 12A, and those portions of Units 6 and 8 within Coconino County	Ducks including mergansers, coots, and common moorhens (gallinules); Including white geese (snow, blue and Ross') and dark geese (Canada and white-fronted)

LAWFUL TAKING DEVICE: Shotgun, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license required for participating age 14 and 15; participants age 16 or older must have a valid Arizona Waterfowl Stamp and Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp (i.e., federal Duck Stamp); participants under 14 need not be licensed if accompanied by a licensed adult as prescribed in A.R.S. 17-335.

ELIGIBLE HUNTERS: Pursuant to R12-4-318 persons are eligible to participate up to their 18th birthday.

SHOOTING HOURS: One-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

BAG LIMIT: The daily bag limit of ducks, including mergansers: Seven (7) per day not to include more than: two (2) redheads; two (2) pintails; two (2) canvasback; three (3) scaup; and seven (7) mallards, no more than two (2) of which may be female or Mexican-like ducks. Coots and common

moorhens (gallinules): Twenty-five (25) per day, singly or in the aggregate. Geese: Ten (10) white geese (snow, including blue and Ross' geese) per day and four (4) dark geese (Canada and white-fronted) per day.

POSSESSION LIMIT: The possession limit of ducks including mergansers: Fourteen (14) after opening day, only seven (7) of which may be taken any one day, but no more than:

- four (4) redheads
- four (4) female mallards or Mexican-like ducks
- four (4) pintails
- six (6) scaup
- four (4) canvasbacks

Coots and common moorhens (gallinules): Fifty (50) singly or in the aggregate.

Geese: Twenty (20) white geese (snow, including blue and Ross' geese) and eight (8) dark geese (Canada and white-fronted).

Falconry-Only Waterfowl

Open Areas include areas closed to hunting by R12-4-321 but do not include areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-801, R12-4-802, and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jan 26 - Jan 29, 2015		(4,6,7,8,9,11,14,15, 18,22,23)	Desert Zone: those portions of Units 6 and 8 within Yavapai County and Units 10 and 12B through 46B
Sep 29 - Oct 2, 2014		(2,4,6,21,22)	Mountain Zone: Units 1-5, 7, 9, 11M, 12A and those portions of Units 6 and 8 within Coconino County
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LAWFUL TAKING DEVICE: Falconry as prescribed in R12-4-318 and R12-4-101.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license plus valid Arizona Waterfowl Stamp and Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp (i.e., federal Duck Stamp). Falconers must be licensed pursuant to R12-4-422 or exempted pursuant to R12-4-407.

HAWKING HOURS: One-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

BAG LIMIT: Three (3) per day. Note: The aggregate falconry bag limit of all migratory game birds is three (3), comprised of any combination of migratory game bird species for which a general season, that includes falconry as a legal method of take, or a falconry-only season is open. Falconers should consult Commission Orders 19, 20, 21, and 22 for season dates and open areas. The falconry bag limit is not in addition to the firearms bag limit.

POSSESSION LIMIT: Nine (9) in the aggregate of all migratory game birds in season (Commission Orders 19 through 22) after opening day, of which no more than three (3) may be taken in any one day.

Notes:

- Open areas include the Imperial, Cibola, Buenos Aires and Havasu National Wildlife Refuges EXCEPT for posted portions which shall be closed to all hunting, a fee may be required for hunting on National Wildlife Refuges, see refuge regulations.
- Ashurst Lake in Management Unit 5B is closed to all waterfowl hunting.
- All areas within Arizona are designated nontoxic shot zones. The use or possession of lead shot while waterfowl hunting is prohibited. No person may take ducks, geese (including brant), or coots while possessing shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading) other than approved non-toxic shot. Lead shot includes plated lead shot. For a list of approved non-toxic shot, see www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/currentbirdissues/nontoxic.htm. Steel, bismuth, tungsten-iron, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-nickel-iron, and tungsten matrix shot are approved as nontoxic shot.
- Persons 16 years of age or older must have in their possession a valid Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp when taking ducks and geese, and a valid, signed Arizona Waterfowl Stamp attached to their hunting license or printed privileges on their license when taking ducks and geese. This stamp or privilege will automatically register the holder for the federal Harvest Information Program for the taking of ducks and geese. Persons 16 years of age and older must have in their possession a valid Arizona Migratory Bird Stamp or privilege when taking coots and common moorhens pursuant to A.R.S. 17-333.03 and R12-4-203.
- Hunting is not permitted in Unit 26M in the following described area: those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14, and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 3 East.
- Falconry hunting will not be permitted on National Wildlife Refuges.
- The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
- A portion of Unit 26M is closed to hunting. Hunting is not permitted in the following area of Unit 26M: an unincorporated portion of land west of Loop 202 (San Tan Freeway) known as the Elliot and Hawes County Island in Section 16, Township 1 South, Range 7 East.
- Entry into portions of Units 40A, 40B, 46A, and 46B is subject to military closure and requires coordination with the Barry M. Goldwater Range for hunting access. For specifics about accessing the Barry M. Goldwater Range refer to the Index: Hunting on Military Reservations.
- The Florence Military Reservation (training areas B and D: the areas north and south of Cottonwood Canyon Road) in Unit 37B is subject to short term closures due to military operations, including live fire operations, and requires coordination with the Florence Military Reservation for hunting access. For specific closure dates or any other access concerns, contact the Florence Military Reservation at 602-267-2062. A map of the Florence Military Reservation is located on the Arizona Game and Fish Department's website, azgfd.gov (type Florence Military Reservation in the search box).
- Hunting is not permitted in Unit 26M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the Town of Queen Creek in Pinal County in Sections 5, 7, 8, and 18 of Township 3 South, Range 8 East.
- Within Unit 25M as described in R12-4-108, all incorporated lands, including private property within municipal boundaries, are closed to hunting unless opened under Commission Order. Incorporated includes all municipal and corporate limits. County islands are open to hunting provided the hunter does not discharge a firearm within ¼ mile of an occupied farmhouse, residence, cabin, lodge, or building without permission of the owner or resident. Privately held lands within county islands may be closed by the landowner.
- Hunting is not permitted in Unit 26M in the following described area in the City of Maricopa: that portion of the city east of Green Road, south of Smith Enke Road, and east of the Cobblestone subdivision and that portion of the city north of Farrell Road and west of White and Parker Road.
- Hunting is not permitted in Units 26M and 37A in the following described area in the Town of Eloy: beginning with the intersection of Cornman Road and LaPalma Road; south on LaPalma Road to Milligan Road; west on Milligan Road to Overfield Road; north on Overfield Road to Cornman Road; east on Cornman Road to LaPalma Road.

15. The following Pima County parks and preserves are open to hunting when the unit they occur in is listed as an open area: A-7 Ranch in Units 32 and 33, Oracle Ridge Property in Unit 33, Six Bar Ranch in Unit 33, Emperita Ranch in Unit 34B, Bar V Ranch in Unit 34B, Sands Ranch in Unit 34B, Clyne Ranch in Unit 34B, Diamond Bell Ranch in Unit 36A, Marley Ranch in Units 36A and 36B, Rancho Seco in Units 36A and 36B, Kings 98 Ranch in Unit 36C, Old Hayhook Ranch in Unit 36C, Verdugo in Unit 36C, Bee Ranch in Unit 37A, Mordka Ranch in Unit 37A, Buckelew Ranch in Unit 37A, Carpenter Ranch in Unit 37A, Cochie Canyon Ranch in Unit 37A, Lords Ranch in Unit 37A, and Tortolita Mountain Park in Unit 37A. Hunting in County Parks, opened by this Commission Order, is not permitted within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of any developed picnic area, developed camp ground, shooting range, occupied building, boat ramp, or golf course. Developed areas do not include trails.
16. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 36B in the following described area: in the posted portion of Sopori Ranch south of Arivaca Road in Sections 14 and 15, Township 20 South, Range 11 East. The remainder of Sopori Ranch is open to hunting.
17. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 37A in the following described area in the Town of Marana: beginning at the intersection of Sanders Road and Avra Valley Road; north on Sanders Road to the Santa Cruz River; southeast along the Santa Cruz River to the Central Arizona Project Canal; southwest along the Central Arizona Project Canal to Avra Valley Road; west on Avra Valley Road to the intersection of Sanders Road.
18. Hunting is not permitted in Units 43A and 44B in the following described area in the Town of Quartzsite: Sections 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35, Township 4 North, Range 19 West and Sections 2, 3, and 4, Township 3 North, Range 19 West.
19. The following Maricopa County parks and preserves are open to hunting waterfowl and snipe using shotgun shooting shot when this season coincides with quail season as defined in R12-4-301: Lake Pleasant, White Tank Mountains, McDowell Mountain, and Estrella Mountain Regional Park. Hunting in County Parks, opened by this Commission Order, is not permitted within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of any developed picnic area, developed camp ground, shooting range, occupied building, boat ramp, or golf course. Developed areas do not include trails.
20. The area in Unit 37A in the Town of Marana is subject to temporary closures in February for special events. All state lands located south of Cochie Canyon Trail in Township 11 South, Range 12 East.
21. Jacques Marsh Wildlife Area in Unit 3B is open to hunting per R12-4-802.
22. In Units 11M and 38M, the private property within municipal boundaries is closed to hunting.
23. The posted portions of Roosevelt Wildlife Area are closed to hunting in Units 22, 23, and 24B from November 15 through February 15 as prescribed in R12-4-801 and R12-4-802.
24. All City of Tucson Water Properties in Units 36C and 37A are closed to hunting.

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Commission Order 22: Common Snipe

General Common Snipe

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Oct 3, 2014 - Jan 11, 2015	(2,7,21,22)	Mountain Zone: Units 1-5, 7, 9, 12A and those portions of Units 6 and 8 within Coconino County	Common snipe

LAWFUL TAKING DEVICE: Shotgun, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and by falconry.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license plus a valid Arizona Migratory Bird Stamp. Falconers must be licensed pursuant to R12-4-422 or exempted pursuant to R12-4-407.

SHOOTING HOURS: One-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

BAG LIMIT: Eight (8) per day.

POSSESSION LIMIT: Twenty-four (24) common snipe after opening day, no more than eight (8) of which may have been taken in any one day.

FALCONRY BAG LIMIT: Three (3) per day. Note: The aggregate falconry bag limit of all migratory game birds is three (3), comprised of any combination of migratory game bird species for which a general season, that includes falconry as a legal method of take, or a falconry-only season is open. Falconers should consult Commission Orders 19, 20, 21, and 22 for season dates and open areas. The falconry bag limit is not in addition to the firearms bag limit.

FALCONRY POSSESSION LIMIT: Nine (9) in the aggregate of all migratory game birds in season (Commission Orders 19 through 22) after opening day, of which no more than three (3) may be taken in any one day.

HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM (HIP): As required by A.R.S. 17-333.03 and R12-4-203, Snipe hunters age 16 and older shall have in their possession a valid Arizona Migratory Bird Stamp or printed privilege which will validate their license for the federal Harvest Information Program. The Arizona Migratory Bird Stamp may be obtained on or after July 1, from any Arizona Game and Fish Department office or wherever hunting licenses are sold.